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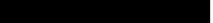
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1. On 5 April 1947, the Bureau of Internal Affairs (Nae Mu Kuk) (内務局) of the North Korean People's Committee announced that all Kyong Pi Tae (Constabulary) organizations would henceforth be known as the Po An Tae (Peace Preservation Corps) (保安隊).

2. The change in designation does not, however, apply to members of the Peace Preservation Corps Officers' School, known also as the Peace Preservation Staff Officers' School or the People's Army. They are never referred to as members of the Po An Tae or Kyong Pi Tae.


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3. The reason given by the North Korean authorities for the change in name was that the term "Kyong Pi Tae" is used in reference to an army or army troops, whereas the members of the Kyong Pi Tae were not actually army troops but performed duties of a police rather than a military nature.

4. Since 5 April, the Constabulary (Kyong Pi Tae), the Railway Constabulary (Ch'ol To Kyong Pi Tae) (鉄道警備隊) and the Coast Guard Constabulary (Hae An Kyong Pi Tae) (海岸警備隊) have been known respectively as the Peace Preservation Corps (Po An Tae) (保安隊), Railway Peace Preservation Corps (Ch'ol To Po An Tae) (鉄道保安隊) and the Coast Guard Peace Preservation Corps Hae An Po An Tae) (海岸保安隊).

F-2 5. However, many of the North Koreans, through force of habit, still use the term "Kyong Pi Tae" in preference to "Po An Tae".

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